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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) As the licensee for the area (the South Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited) expressed inability to take up the extension for supply of electricity to Perambalur the Government Electricity department enquired from the licensee whether he was willing to surrender a portion of his area of supply, including Udayarpalayam and Perambalur taluks in Tiruchirappalli district to the department. The licensee has agreed to surrender those taluks and this proposal is under consideration. If the proposal is approved, a scheme for supply to Perambalur town will be evolved by the Government Electricity department.

The residents of Perambalur town have been informed of the position."

Hospitals without X-ray facilities.

* 376 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to supplementary questions to question No. 649 on 11th May 1954, in how many taluk headquarters hospitals diagnostic X-ray facilities are now not available?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sixty-nine."

Provision of protected water-supply and electricity for slums in the City.

* 377 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the slums in the City of Madras are provided with facilities of protected water-supply and electricity?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" According to the latest survey there are 295 slums in the City of Madras. Of these, 190 slums are provided with protected water-supply facility inside the slums and 65 slums have got public taps on the main roads on which the slums abut and from these taps the slum dwellers draw protected water. One hundred and fifty-eight slums have been provided with electric lights."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that the slum clearance programme is progressing only very slowly, will the Government see that at least in the meanwhile, these elementary amenities are provided to the slum-dwellers? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Commissioner will be taking steps to extend protected water-supply to those areas when the distribution system is extended and a well or a tube-well will be sunk wherever practicable."